

Trump is now enshrined too in Jewish history. He also is the first sitting U.S. President to pay a visit at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site. Both declarations allow for compromise by both sides whose century old rivalry may yet turn into a mutually rewarding source of healing.

HONORING KEISER UNIVERSITY
ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Keiser University on celebrating its 40th anniversary. In doing so, I am pleased to be joined by colleagues of mine in the Florida Congressional delegation on introducing a resolution to mark this important milestone.

Keiser University was the vision of Dr. Arthur Keiser and his mother, Ms. Evelyn Keiser. In 1977, they set out to create a university designed to better serve adult learners seeking a career-focused education. Today, Keiser University proudly offers over 100 degree granting programs, and was recently ranked as the second best Florida College by the prestigious U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges 2017, rankings in the South region.

Over the past 40 years, Keiser University has been a shining example of what one can achieve through hard work and dedication. It has grown to become the third largest not-for-profit university in Florida, and boasts more than 66,000 alumni. The University has even stretched beyond the borders of the United States, establishing campuses abroad in Nicaragua, Moldova, and China.

Since coming to the U.S. Congress, I have watched Keiser University grow and expand its reach. Today, it has an annual economic impact of approximately \$3 billion in Florida, and benefits our residents with over 30,000 direct and indirect jobs each year.

Keiser University's philosophy of putting students first is to be commended. They have proven themselves to be a home for quality higher education, and a source of great pride to the people of Florida. I am truly honored to represent Keiser University in my Congressional district.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Keiser University on its 40th anniversary with colleagues of mine in the Florida delegation. I wish Dr. Arthur Keiser, his mother Ms. Evelyn Keiser, Ms. Belinda Keiser, and the Board of Trustees many more years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF LAKELAND MAYOR
HOWARD WIGGS'S RETIREMENT

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, some people want to be something. Some people want to do something. Lakeland Mayor Howard Wiggs has been a doer for our community, a leader, and perhaps most important, a friendly neighbor. For 25 years, Mayor Wiggs has reformed local government, inspired residents to get

more involved, and cut more ribbons than anyone can count. And while that last part may sound ceremonial, it's not: He got to cut those ribbons because during his tenure, and with his leadership, Lakeland has flourished with tremendous growth, economic development and revitalization, and the expansion and improvement of critical public infrastructure. Now, as we bid him a happy retirement, he should know: We all love Lakeland, and Mayor Wiggs, through his wisdom and discernment, has made it even more lovable.

Our nation's prosperity relies on the strength of strong local governance, and for 25 years, Mayor Wiggs has made his corner of America that much stronger. It has been my privilege to work with Mayor Wiggs, both as a Member of the Florida House of Representatives and now in the United States House of Representatives. He has been a stalwart advocate for common sense, for decency, and for hard work. I know that my wife Cindy and I will always have him and his wife Linda in our hearts and prayers for continued blessing, good health, and God's favor for the future. We thank him for his service, and wish him all the best.

HONORING WESTCHESTER DAY
SCHOOL 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the great educational institutions in my district, the Westchester Day School, which this year will be celebrating its incredible 70th anniversary.

Founded in 1948 with an enrollment of 54 boys and girls in kindergarten through grade 4, Westchester Day School (WDS) serves as the primary Modern Orthodox co-educational day school for the Westchester community, providing excellence in Judaic and General Studies education in a warm and nurturing environment. The school's mission is to prepare students to live as mensches and lifelong learners and inspires them to impact the world around them by cultivating a commitment to Torah, midot, community and academic rigor.

WDS students become lifelong, independent learners who grow from inquiry, discovery, and reflective trial and error. They are problem-solvers who are flexible and adapt to new situations, while identifying and responding to the needs of others with sympathy and empathy. WDS also sets out to instill within its students a love of God and a yearning to find spirituality, fulfillment and joy in Jewish ritual, Torah-learning. They understand that they are a link in a chain of tradition that has flourished for thousands of years. Also instilled within the students is a devotion to the State of Israel, something I as Ranking Member on the House Foreign Affairs Committee am particularly heartened by and pleased to see.

For 70 years now WDS has served as a beacon of educational excellence in Westchester, as the work done by its teachers, students, and faculty has been exemplary. I want to congratulate the entire WDS community on this wonderful milestone. Here's to many more years of great success and learning.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE C. WRIGHT,
JR.

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of trailblazer and Delaware icon, George C. Wright, Jr.

From humble beginnings in Chesapeake City, Maryland, George began his education in a one-room schoolhouse and excelled as an accomplished relay racer. Following the competition of his schooling, George was drafted into the United States Army, where he served in one of the first integrated units.

After transitioning from the armed forces to civilian life, George continued his life of service at Dover Air Force Base in a career that spanned 33 years. His tenure began by off-loading trucks in the Aerial Port section of the base and led to his serving as the Chief of Staff for the Civilian Personnel Office's Affirmative Employment Section, the second most senior non-military position at Dover.

George was a dedicated public servant who built bridges and found common ground while serving for 12 years on the Smyrna Town Council. In 1981, he overcame the odds by becoming mayor of Smyrna by twenty votes—making history as the first African American to lead a Delaware municipality. George dutifully served his town for 14 years as mayor and ran unopposed in every re-election race—highlighting the faith his community placed in him. George's work in government inspired him to help Delaware's other 57 cities and towns through his role as executive director of the League of Local Governments and as a board member of the National League of Cities.

George was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and was an active member of Bethel AME Church in Smyrna. He will be missed by family members, friends, and neighbors alike for his community leadership and the role model he became for young people across Delaware.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of George, and I want to express my deep gratitude for his service to our state, commitment to bettering the lives of those he served, and for breaking down barriers that allowed me and many others to follow in his footsteps.

MACOMB COUNTY 200TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Macomb County, Michigan. Residents and leaders of Macomb County will kick off a series of bicentennial celebrations on January 10, 2018. I have been privileged to represent major portions of Macomb County for over 25 years and to have played a role in so many efforts vital to the economic interests of its residents, and in many other facets important to their lives.

Macomb County's first residents were immigrants attracted to Michigan by the fur trade.